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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Steven R. Chealander, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2007.

Craig Roberts Stapleton, of Connecticut, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Monaco.

Ronald Spogli, of California, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of San Marino.

Curtis S. Chin, of New York, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the rank of Ambassador.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:50 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, September 22, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10008.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch resumed hearings to examine progress of the Capitol Visitor Center construction, receiving testimony from Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol; Robert C. Hixon, Jr., Capitol Visitor Center Project Executive; and Bernard L. Ungar, and Terrell

Dorn, both Directors, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

### EXPORT-IMPORT BANK REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Chris Boskin, of California, and David H. Pryor, of Arkansas, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Calvin L. Scovel, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Transportation, Charles Darwin Snelling, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, who was introduced by Senator Specter, Collister Johnson, Jr., of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Sharon Lynn Hays, of Virginia, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, who was introduced by Representative Ehlers, and Cynthia A. Glassman, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Mary Amelia Bomar, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Specter and Santorum, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

### AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 1106, to authorize the construction of the Arkansas Valley Conduit in the State of Colorado, S. 1811, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the feasibility of enlarging the Arthur V. Watkins Dam Weber Basin Project, Utah, to provide additional water for the Weber Basin Project to fulfill the purposes for which that project was authorized, S. 2070, to provide certain requirements for hydroelectric projects on the Mohawk River in the State of New York, S. 3522, to amend the Bonneville Power Administration portions of the Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act of 2000 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years

2006 through 2012, S. 3832, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish criteria to transfer title to reclamation facilities, S. 3851, to provide for the extension of preliminary permit periods by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for certain hydroelectric projects in the State of Alaska, S. 3798, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to exclude and defer from the pooled reimbursable costs of the Central Valley Project the reimbursable capital costs of the unused capacity of the Folsom South Canal, Auburn-Folsom South Unit, Central Valley Project, H.R. 2563, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct feasibility studies to address certain water shortages within the Snake, Boise, and Payette River systems in Idaho, and H.R. 3897, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Madera Irrigation District for purposes of supporting the Madera Water Supply Enhancement Project, after receiving testimony from Senators Alard and Schumer; Representative Radanovich; William Rinne, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; J. Mark Robinson, Director, Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Bill Long, Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District, Pueblo; Marc Thalacker, Three Sisters Irrigation District, Salem, Oregon, on behalf of the Oregon Water Resources Congress; and Thomas F. Donnelly, National Water Resources Association, Arlington, Virginia.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following items:

H.R. 1463, to designate a portion of the Federal building located at 2100 Jamieson Avenue, in Alexandria, Virginia, as the “Justin W. Williams United States Attorney’s Building”; and

The nominations of Roger Romulus Martella, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator, and Alex A. Beehler, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, William H. Graves, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and Brigadier General Bruce Arlan Berwick, United States Army, Colonel Gregg F. Martin, United States Army, Brigadier General Robert Crear, United States Army, and Rear Admiral Samuel P. De Bow, Jr., NOAA, each to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of Robert K. Steel, of Connecticut, to be an Under Secretary of the Department of the Treasury, and John K. Veroneau, of Vir-

ginia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the Rank of Ambassador, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### AFGHANISTAN

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the purpose and impact of the transition from coalition to NATO’s International Security and Assistance Force (ISAF) command in Afghanistan, including responding to Taliban tactics, coordinating with independently-led U.S. troops and Afghan Army, what role will U.S. forces and the Coalition play when ISAF takes over the final sector, and how NATO is addressing the challenges of accelerating reconstruction and contending with the growing drug trade, after receiving testimony from General James L. Jones, USMC, Supreme Allied Commander, Europe; and Barnett R. Rubin, New York University Center on International Cooperation, New York, New York.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 394, to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act); and

The nominations of Norman Randy Smith, of Idaho, to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Valerie L. Baker, of California, and Philip S. Gutierrez, of California, each to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Francisco Augusto Besosa, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, Lawrence Joseph O’Neill, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, and Rodger A. Heaton, to be United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois, Department of Justice.

Also, committee began consideration of the nomination of William Gerry Myers III, of Idaho, to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, but did not take final action thereon, and will meet again on Tuesday, September 26, 2006.

### PRISONER REHABILITATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Federal assistance for prisoner rehabilitation and reentry into our states, focusing on the Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative (SVORI), after receiving testimony from Regina B. Schofield, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; Mason M. Bishop, Deputy Assistant Secretary of

Labor for the Employment and Training Administration; Robert J. Bogart, Director, Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Cherie Nolan, Senior Policy Advisor to the Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Roger Werholtz, Kansas Department of Corrections, Topeka; and B. Diane Williams, Safer Foundation, Chicago, Illinois.

#### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

#### GENERIC PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine savings for seniors and Medicare relating to increasing generic drug use and the cost of prescription drugs for people with Medicare, the Medicare program, and taxpayers, after receiving testimony from Mark B. McClellan, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; William Vaughan, Consumers Union, Washington, D.C.; Timothy Antonelli, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Southfield; and William H. Shrank, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 29 public bills, H.R. 6130–6158; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 477–478; and H. Res. 1029–1036 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5092, to modernize and reform the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–672) and

H.R. 5418, to establish a pilot program in certain United States district courts to encourage enhancement of expertise in patent cases among district judges, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–673).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller of Michigan to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards: Representative Ehlers, Chairman.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, September 20th:

**Military Personnel Financial Services Protection Act:** S. 418, to protect members of the Armed Forces from unscrupulous practices regarding sales of insur-

ance, financial, and investment products, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 418 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 463—clearing the measure for the President.

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**Border Tunnel Prevention Act of 2006:** The House passed H.R. 4830, to amend chapter 27 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the unauthorized construction, financing, or reckless permitting (on one's land) the construction or use of a tunnel or subterranean passageway between the United States and another country, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 422 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 469.

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H. Res. 1018, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4830, H.R. 6094, and H.R. 6095) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 227 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 462, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 225 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 461.

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**Community Protection Act of 2006:** The House passed H.R. 6094, to restore the Secretary of Homeland Security's authority to detain dangerous aliens, to ensure the removal of deportable criminal aliens, and combat alien gang crime, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 328 yeas to 95 nays, Roll No. 465.

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Point of Order sustained against:

Gutierrez motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment.

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Agreed to table the Gutierrez motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair by a yeas-and-nays vote of 225 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 464.

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